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NEWS RELEASE

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HARTFORD POLICE ARREST 2 IN COMMERCIAL ROBBERY

Hartford – On August 30, 2009 at approximately 8:31 p.m. Hartford Police responded to a report of a commercial robbery at the Xpress Food Mart located at 148 Woodland Street. A store clerk reported that suspects entered the store and that he was shot as one of the suspects stole cash from the store register. The victim was transported to St. Francis Hospital for non-life threatening injuries including a gun shot wound to his outer right knee and was listed in stable condition.

A witness who had followed the suspects directed officers to the area of 280 Collins Street. Officers quickly detained two suspects and subsequently located the stolen money and a firearm under some vegetation in the area. One of the suspects who was a minor was arrested and charged with Robbery 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1st Degree, Larceny 4th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 4th Degree.

The second suspect later identified as **Charles McDuffus (03-13-91) of 161 Babcock Street, Hartford, Conn.** was arrested and charged with Robbery 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1st Degree, Larceny 4th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 4th Degree, Reckless Endangerment 1st Degree, Unlawful Discharge, Pistol without a Permit, Possession of a Stolen Firearm and Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree. A \$250,000.00 bond was ordered.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Sergeant Brandon O'Brien of the Hartford Police Major Crimes Division at 860-757-4089 or to contact the Hartford Crime Stoppers line at 860-722-8477.

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